

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Women the World Over Are Occupied With Red Cross Work—Various Matters of Social Interest—Condolences Extended

Of course everything pretty much in Red Cross these days, and it is well that it should be so, for as time goes on the weather will begin to get cold and on the weather in France as well as at home our men in the warm garments that will greatly need to be handled by the dainty fingers of members of society at home, in the resorts, in the country, on the trains, in the motors, everywhere. Honest to goodness, have you ever seen anything so busy as the women of the world? They are carrying home the marketing, moving their pet dog from town to country in the trains and vice versa, and heaven only knows to what other purposes they may be put.

Come people are coming home this week to their country places along the Main Line. The Armitts Browns, who have been at Winter Harbor since August 1, are coming down today. I understand, and Billie Carter, who has been visiting his mother in Maine and attended his niece Cornelia Ledy's wedding up there, expects to come back today to his Rosemont home.

I hear that Henry Houston is back from his work in the field service "over there" for a well-deserved furlough, and is with his parents at their summer villa at Clapboard Island, Me. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Houston and a brother of Mrs. Henry Paul Brown, Jr., who was Edith Houston, and of Mrs. Robert R. Meigs, who was Margaret Houston. Charlotte Brown is a half sister.

The sympathy of many persons is extended to Mrs. Morrell, for it is well known what a sorrow her husband's death is to her. General Morrell had been ill for some time and it was in an effort to regain some of his lost strength that he and his wife went out to Colorado this summer. He died there on Saturday and is being brought here for burial. I understand the body will arrive tonight. General Morrell was a stepson of the late eminent lawyer, John G. Johnson. His wife was Miss Louise Drexel, a daughter of the late Mr. Frank Drexel, who was his second wife, who was a Miss Bouvier. She is a half sister of Mother Katherine Drexel, who founded the Religious Order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, which has its mother house in Cornwall, and a second half sister of Mrs. Morrell was the late Mrs. Walter George Smith, of this city.

Molly Sharpless's fiancé, Major Oliver Pearson, M. C., expects to return shortly to France. Their engagement was announced just within the last fortnight, and he has been staying up in York Harbor with the Sharplesses since then.

There are as yet no rumors as to whether there will be another hurried wedding in this case, but, goodness me, that does not signify anything these days when you make up your mind on Wednesday that you love — and then next day decide that as he is going to war or to camp there's not much use of waiting for the tying of the knot, and so off you go as gay as you please and marry at once and take a two or three day wedding trip and then back home to pa and ma, and life goes on in some cases just as if there had been no extraordinary occurrence to interrupt the even tenor of your way. Except—oh, and that is it—except that for the girl there is the knowledge that to some one who may soon be in grave danger she means all the world, and the man knows that no matter what happens to him or what his temptations and sorrows are there is waiting for him at home his greatest treasure, and it helps each one to live and prepare for a happy reunion when once this terrible war is over. And their characters will certainly be greatly helped by the sufferings of separation and anxiety which their two hearts alone will know, for though the suffering is common to many it is also individual to each one. So to go to it, young people, say I with all my heart.

AND now, because I have been philosophizing and getting very solemn when I think of what all this means to so many lives, I am going to switch off the current and turn to another and tell you of what befell a certain young man we all know at a Maine resort one very cold evening.

He was staying with his aunt and had been invited out to dinner. Well, it was awfully cold, and when he came downstairs ready to start off for the ferry for he was going from one harbor to another, wearing his light summer overcoat over his dress clothes, he looked so chilled that aunt said, "My dear boy, you must not take that trip across the bay without a scarf or something around your neck." "But I haven't got a scarf with me." "Then you must run up and take one of your uncles. You'll find one in the right hand corner of the third bureau drawer." With many protestations nephew finally gave in and rushed upstairs at the last minute, grabbed a scarf, as he thought, from the drawer and just caught the ferry over.

a bit uncomfortable and looked around the ferryboat to find nearly every one laughing but himself and all eyes turned to him. "What in the dickens is the matter?" thought he, and then, oh, then, gentle reader, he looked down at his expensive shirt front and instead of the woven scarf he had thought to be neatly draped about his neck he beheld a sight never to be forgotten. Twisted gracefully about his chest so that the two legs met in front was a freshly washed pair of uncle's very best undergarments, which are usually described in the advertisements under three consonants!!!

THE William Floyd Crosby has returned from Chicago and are going to settle here for the winter. Mrs. Crosby was Louise Willard Rodgers, of this city, you know. They were married last spring and have been living out in Chicago, but I am glad to say that they have taken apartments at the Swarthmore, at Twenty-second and Walnut streets, and are already settled there. Louise's friends are certainly glad that she will be here, for she is a great favorite with them.

THE Summer Crosses, of Jenkintown, have gone up to Maine to visit the John Deavers. Mrs. Cross said she had a most awful time to get the doctor going. He would not leave his practice, but finally by sundry hints and tales of the wonderful attractions she overcame his objections, and so they are up there. Mrs. Cross certainly needed a vacation herself, for she has been working like a slave for the Red Cross and has been at the Jenkintown headquarters day after day, cutting out and making everything needed by that branch. She is simply splendid for that sort of thing, and is greatly to be congratulated on the work she has accomplished.

ETHEL HULIN gave a lovely informal supper and dance for members of the younger set at Newport last Saturday night at the Clambake Club. Ethel is spending the summer at Narragansett Pier with her father, George A. Hulin, but went over last week to stay with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrews, at Newport. Ethel Hulin came out last year at a delightful party given by her father at the Ritz-Carlton, and she has been popular ever since. Indeed, the little bird cocked his head on one side recently and winked an eye at me when I said: "How about Ethel? Any or—love affairs in that direction? And, honestly, if you could have seen that bird's expression! Well, it was one scream. I wonder what's up, don't you?"

Don't mind Nancy, my dears. Now and then she gets a bit simple, but it's all in a day's work, you know, and you never can tell.

YESTERDAY came the news that Ensign and Mrs. Edmund S. McCawley are being congratulated on the birth of a little daughter on Monday of this week. Mrs. McCawley was Margaret Bannard, you remember. One of that large number of attractive girls who made their debut about five years ago. The same time as Katherine Kremer Page, Polly Page Brown, Rachel Lewis Miller, Mabel Norris Dickson, Dorothy Roberts Bullitt, Elizabeth Roberts Clay, Cecile Howell, whose engagement to Bill Rowland was announced about a month ago, and ever so many others. Taking them all in all quite one of the prettiest group of debut for many a year in this old Quaker town.

SO MARGOT SCULL and Aleck Biddle were to be married on September 12. Well, I can't say I am surprised. Announcements of engagements seem to be synonymous with announcements of wedding dates. I've been wondering if Margot will take her pet uncle with her on her wedding trip. She carries it about in the trains, you know, and plays and sings little tunes all to herself when not riding in her motor to and from Overbrook. So what could be cuter than to take it along and sing little songs to Aleck on their honeymoon?

She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Scull, you know, and was educated abroad until the time for her debut. Aleck Biddle is a brother of Mrs. John Penn Brock, Mrs. A. J. Drexel Paul, Mrs. Charlton Henry and Miss Christine Biddle. His father was the late Dr. Alexander Biddle and his mother was Miss McKennon, formerly of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Biddle is a remarkably handsome woman. She and her daughter Christine live at 3125 Locust street.

THE death last week of Mr. Jones Wisniewski places a large number of Philadelphians in mourning. He is the last of his family of four brothers, John, William Rotch, Frank and Rodman Wirtler. His wife was Mrs. William Weightman, her maiden name having been Miss Sabina d'Inville. She married Mr. Wister some twenty years ago. He leaves two daughters by his first marriage, Mrs. William Barclay and Mrs. Arthur Mason Chichester. He had also five stepdaughters, who are all living at present. Much sympathy is felt for his wife, for of late years, since all the daughters have been married, Mr. and Mrs. Wister have been quite inseparable. NANCY WYNNE.

ALMOST FAILS TO SHOW UP ON HIS OWN WEDDING DAY Private Stationed at Frankford Has Trouble Getting Pass Not long ago Private Koch asked for a pass for a certain day. "Top" Sergeant Alexander refused it. Private Koch asked again, with the same result, and then insisted on having it. Of course, by that time the whole camp had heard the fuss and watched him go distractedly from the sergeant and the lieutenant and from the lieutenant to the captain, demanding, requesting, begging a pass for Wednesday. To prevent a panic the captain finally granted the leave and saved the day. Two days later Private Koch came back, grinning and excited all to himself. His squad watched in awe and frightened silence, wondering what was the matter. The climax came when he was accidentally shot off his gun. As one man the squad landed on him and pinned him to his cot till he had an embarrassed smile. And then, with an embarrassed smile, he confessed that he had gone away to be married.

TWO RECENTLY ENGAGED GIRLS



MISS KATHERINE HANCOCK Photo by Backbraich. Miss Hancock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hancock, of St. Davids. Her engagement to Lieutenant J. Somers Smith, Jr., was announced last week.

MISS MARY DENCKLA Miss Denckla's engagement to Lieutenant J. Francis R. Packard, of New York, and formerly of this city, was also announced last week. Miss Denckla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Denckla.

ROXBOROUGH RED CROSS RAISES FUNDS

Lawn of Dearnley Homestead Turned Into Veritable Fairyland

"This is the rule of life today. As it has ever been! The world bestows its smiles on those who have the strength to win. Beneath all outward semblances, it looks for merit true! It little cares how much you know, But asks, 'What can you do?'" The men and women of the Red Cross auxiliaries in Roxborough having accomplished all the work outlined for wide-awake organizations, are going to show what they can do in the way of a great big "bit" as Red Crossers. And this "bit" is going to be the leading social event of the mid-September in the Twenty-first Ward. It will take place on Thursday, the 27th, from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 at night, on the grounds of the home of Mrs. John Dearnley, 7539 Ridge avenue. Three thousand tickets have been issued and everybody is going to have a chance to show what he and she can do.



MRS. HENRY WALTHER Who will be remembered as Miss Elsa M. Sosna, of 3528 North Broad street, Mr. and Mrs. Walther are now living at 5236 Schuyler street, in Germantown.



Mrs. Charles S. Lyons, Miss Adeline Edmonds, Mrs. Edwin Carr, Mrs. Frank Kenworthy, Mrs. Edwin Shur, Miss Helen Kenworthy, Miss Lulu Anderson, Mrs. H. Murdoch, Mrs. Henry Richards, Miss Florence Russell, Mrs. Oliver S. Koenig, Mrs. William Stafford, Mrs. L. H. Goshaw, Mrs. R. H. Hays, Mrs. John Lawson, Mrs. Charles Gauger, Mrs. Frederick A. Soberhelmer, Mrs. Ralph Moyer, Miss Edith Moyer, Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. S. B. Schofield, Mrs. Harry Schoenmer, Mrs. John Priest, Miss Anna Colquhoun, Mrs. William B. Forney, Miss Helen Kommer, Miss Margaret O. Breen, Miss Grace Fee, Mrs. William J. Beatty, Mrs. Francis Eddy, Mrs. Mabel Goudley Eddy, Miss Blanche Taylor, Mrs. W. H. Hoelt, Mrs. Charles Jones Thompson, Mrs. William C. Ames and Miss S. R. Boscock.

Social Activities

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Buckley, of 153 Franklin avenue, Cheltenham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elsie May Buckley, to Mr. Albert Rowland Jacobs, also of Cheltenham. Miss Buckley has just returned from a motor tour of the West. Miss Buckley and Mr. Jacobs were entertained last night by the Septious Club, of Cheltenham.

"OH, MR. HOOVER, HFLP!"



WEDDING IN MOUNT AIRY

Miss Benerman's Marriage Today Proves of Interest to Persons in Chestnut Hill—Other Nuptials Are Recorded

A wedding of interest in Germantown and Chestnut Hill will take place at 6 o'clock today, when Miss Dorothy Benerman, daughter of Mrs. William M. Benerman, of 7228 Boyer street, Mount Airy, will become the bride of Mr. James Harold Mendel. The ceremony will be performed in Grace Episcopal Church, Mount Airy, by the Rev. George F. Bredel, D. D. Miss Benerman, who will be given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Watkins Benerman, will wear a short frock of silk tulle over satin embroidered in silic floss and silver. The tulle veil forms the train and is fastened with orange blossoms. She will carry a shower bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. The matron of honor, Mrs. Watkins Benerman, will wear a shell-pink taffeta frock and a hat of taupe-color tulle. She will carry Ophelia roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Ann Elliott, Miss Sarah Backburne, Mrs. A. M. Lincoln and Miss Marian Taylor, will be gowned the same as the matron of honor, and will carry pale pink and lavender asters. Little Miss Polly Benerman, the

flower girl, will wear a white lace frock with a pink sash, and a Hanger hat, and carry a basket of Sweetheart roses. Mr. Mendel will have Mr. Lee Finlayson, of Baltimore, as best man. The ushers include Mr. C. F. Huston Miller, Mr. A. M. Lincoln, Dr. Paul E. Eisenman and Dr. Elmer D. Funk. A small reception will follow the ceremony at the home of the bride.

MEN OF FIRST REGIMENT IN MINSTREL SHOW AT LANSOWNE CAMP

Many Persons Find September Most Pleasant Month at the Seashore, as Crowds Leave and Weather Is Most Delightful for Bathing

The soldier boys up at the First Regiment camp at Griffith Park surely have the right idea about mixing play with their work, for they gave a mighty good minstrel show up at their camp ground last Friday evening. And, even though the audience may have thought that they were the best possible fun watching the entertainment, don't you suppose those boys had just as much fun getting it up? Of course they did. The show was held outdoors, naturally, on an improvised stage draped with American flags and those of our allies. There were just lots and lots of people there, and of course the boys did their best with such an enthusiastic audience to watch them. The program was full of all kinds of stunts, for you must remember, when so many men get together in a camp, there is sure to be a variety of other things besides. The boys had a perfect night for the show, for it was nice and warm, and, too, there was a real live moon. Lansdowne people heard just a few days ago of the marriage of Helen Pierson, Mrs. Charles Pierson's daughter, and George Galbraith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Galbraith. You remember their engagement was announced last March. They were married at Ocean City on August 23. You see, young George is with the marine corps, stationed at Quantico, Va., and he had been visiting Miss Pierson and her mother at Ocean City. So they decided to have a quiet wedding down there. But such short things are furloughs that the bridegroom had to return to his post two days after the wedding. Young Mr. Galbraith is now staying with his mother, George's brother, John Galbraith, is also in the service.

Who were up at Camp Susquehanna are all home again. Down at the Country Club, on Labor Day, there were all sorts of nice things going on. There were mixed doubles in the morning, when a golfer and a golferess played another like pair (and if you could have seen the fun they had). Then the women had tea out under the trees, and everybody knitted and chatted and had a beautiful time. Mr. Anthony Davies gave a small dinner party at the clubhouse, and his guests stayed for the dance which was held there that evening.

CROWD REMAINS OVER HOLIDAY AT SHORE

Twenty-four Conventions Booked for Atlantic City During September

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 5. The usual lull following the Labor Day rush was not noticeable on the Walk today. Apparently just as many people are here today as there were a week before the holiday rush began. Expressmen are battling with trucks piled ten feet high, for there was a big arrival today of tourists from the mountains and from the New England resorts. Hotels along the ocean front are booked full until the end of the month. Twenty-four conventions have reserved accommodations at the Traymore during September, when the resort is averaging a convention a day. Elaborate preparations are being made for the emergency war convention of the Chambers of Commerce of the United States, which will bring hundreds of prominent business men and statesmen to the shore.

RED CROSS CLASS TO MEET TONIGHT

Women Writers Organize Group of Twenty-five Members to Sew for Soldiers

The first meeting of the Red Cross auxiliary of the Women Writers' Club will be held under the direction of Mrs. Harry Sherrett this evening at 7 o'clock. A start will be made in the rolling of bandages, and the many proficient and inveterate knitters of the club will be urged to turn out knit goods for the soldiers.

FORREST SEATS TOMORROW

Claw and Erlanger's New Musical Comedy "THE RIVIERA GIRL" Cast & Chorus of 100. 50c to \$1.50 at Popular Wednesday Matinee.

WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT

Police Band concert, City Hall Plaza, 8 o'clock. Free. Opening of fall season, Philadelphia Foundation of American Manufacturers' Club, 6:30 o'clock. Members Philadelphia County Fair, Byberry. Admission charge. Women Writers' Club, Red Cross Night, 1210 Locust street, Members.

"OUR BETTERS"

Amazing Hudson Theatre. Cast intact. Frills, Chrysals, Herby, Rose, Coughlin, Friz Williams, and Others. 50c to \$1.50 at Popular Wednesday Matinee.

THE ITALIAN BATTLE FRONT

GARRICK NOW 2:15 & 8:15 KEITH'S MAT. TODAY AT 2. TONIGHT AT 8:00, 8:30, and 9:00. MARION MORGAN'S ART DANCERS

CASINO MATINEE TODAY

Bowery Burlesquers ADELPHI Even. 8:15. Pop. 41 Mat. Thursday, Regular Mat. Sat. THE 13TH CHAIR

ARCADIA

CHESTNUT Below 16TH 10:15 A. M., 12, 2, 8:30, 10:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

REGENT

MARKET Below 17TH DAILY 10:15; 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15 P. M.

VICTORIA

MARKET Above 6TH 9 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. PRICES, 15c, 25c.

GLOBE Theatre

MARKET & VAUDEVILLE—Continued 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c.